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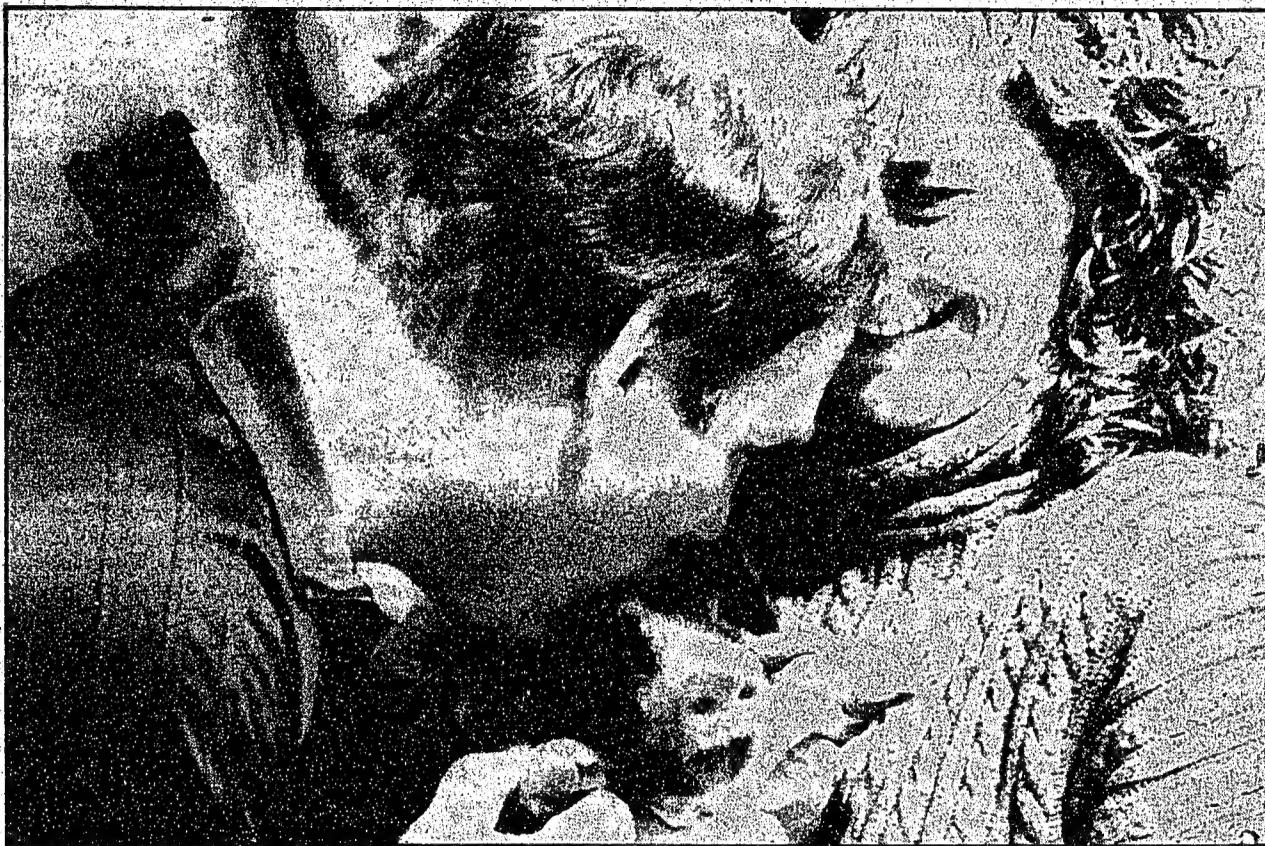
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—Dave Weaver

Animals, animals, animals . . .

UNO football Coach Sandy Buda took part in a pig-kissing event at the Student Center Friday before the Mavericks' homecoming game loss to South Dakota State Saturday. Invent your own caption for this picture. We didn't want to end up in court.

Kerrigan king, Rizzuto queen

Coronation caps homecoming week

By LORI SAFRANEK
Staff Reporter

UNO's homecoming coronation Saturday wrapped up a week of activities devoted to increasing school spirit on campus.

Joe Kerrigan and Rachel Rizzuto were crowned the 1988-89 homecoming queen and king during half-time of the UNO vs. South Dakota State game at Al Caniglia Field. Sorority Chi Omega was also named as winner of the Spirit Award for their participation in Spirit Week.

Kerrigan, an engineering major, was sponsored by the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He is UNO's student president/regent and serves on the University Committee on Student Affairs.

Rizzuto, a marketing major, was sponsored by the Chi Omega sorority. Rizzuto performs as a member of the "Rizzuto's Sisters," and her sister, Jaymie Rizzuto, was UNO's 1986 homecoming queen.

First runners up were Todd Bowman, sponsored by

the Theta Chi fraternity, and Tammy Adkins, sponsored by the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Other nominees were Anne-Marie Evans, Lisa Kruizinga, Michael J. Compton, Chris Carter, Andy Sorenson and Kris Sanders.

Spirit Week activities were sponsored by the Student Programming Organization in an attempt to increase student participation in homecoming.

"In the past three or four years ago, there would be large dances at Peony Park with the band, *The Verandas*, and 800 to 1000 people would show up," said Melissa Sehestedt, chairperson of the Special Events Committee for SPO.

"Last year, we had a really small turnout and SPO lost a lot of money on it," she said. "Not that we ever make money on any event, but we need to try to break even."

This year no dance was held, and Sehestedt and the rest of the committee made the decision to use funds

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UNO professor joins police committee

By RICHARD L. CUMMINGS
Senior Reporter

The Police Policy Advisory Committee now has academic representation.

Lorie Fridell, associate professor of UNO's criminal justice department, has been appointed to the committee.

The committee reviews current policies, holds public meetings and may make recommendations to the police force concerning its policies.

"It's important to have academic representation on this committee," Fridell said. She said she had asked a city council member and Mayor Walter Calinger for an appointment to the committee when it was first organized.

Fridell was appointed by Calinger to fill a vacancy on the committee and attended her first formal meeting Sept. 21.

She is not concerned about joining the committee late since she is already familiar with the topics and has been attending the committee's meetings as an observer since June.

"Generally, I feel we have a fine police department. However, as with any public or private entity, it is important to periodically evaluate policies," she said.

She said of special concern to her are the Omaha Police Division (OPD) policies on its use of deadly force (use of firearms) and pursuit to apprehend suspects.

Long overdue was the 1985 Supreme Court decision of *Tennessee v. Garner*, Fridell said. The decision restricted the use of deadly force police officers could legally use in apprehending suspected felons.

"Prior to *Garner*, officers could shoot any fleeing felon if necessary to effect the arrest," she said. "Garner said an officer can only shoot dangerous felons."

The doctor said dangerous felons are defined this way: If the crime involved use of or threatened use of deadly force or a substantial risk that the person to be arrested will cause death or serious bodily harm if apprehension is delayed.

Fridell said the OPD policy goes even further to place more strict restrictions on apprehension of minors.

Another policy Fridell is concerned about says that no pursuit shall be undertaken or continued when in the judgement of the officer the risk of injury outweighs the need of apprehension.

"Some pursuits are being taken where risk outweighs the need (of apprehension)," she said. "Some (officers) are getting overzealous at the risk of citizens."

She said she has limited information concerning OPD's pursuits.

"Once I review the files I may be wrong,

being on the committee lets me look into it," she said. Committee membership allows members access to OPD files of officers' actions.

Fridell's masters and Ph.D. work has been in social ecology, which centers on how social and ecological situations can affect crime.

"Many times the actions of an officer or officers can escalate a situation that may have been diffused without violence."

Committee members are actively soliciting public input. The life span of the committee is indefinite, she said.

"Generally I feel comfortable with most (OPD) policies, but administrative attitudes and policy making (can) affect field actions," she said.

She is currently conducting the Omaha Crime Survey, a victimization study with colleague Cassia Spohn.

Hays: Rules plague political posters

By JOHN ROOD
Editor

The 1987-88 Student Senate ended its final meeting as it began Thursday, amid questions of off-campus political parties and parliamentary procedure.

Election Commissioner Paul Hays created a stir during the meeting's final minutes when he announced off-campus political parties organized to lobby for candidates during the Oct. 12 and 13 Student Government elections will not be allowed to distribute flyers or display posters.

University rules prohibit off-campus student groups to display campaign posters and flyers. In the past, groups such as Party in Progress (PIP) and the Garden Party were allowed to display posters because their status on campus was unclear. Hays said he discussed the poster situation with Student Activities Manager Terry Forman, and that's not the case this year.

"Non-recognized student organizations will not be allowed to distribute flyers on campus," Hays said. Students who violate elections rules are subject to a fine of up to \$50 per violation, Hays said.

Senate Speaker Tim Kerrigan, a former PIP member who plans to run for president/regent this year, cut Hays' announcement short and cut short the senate's final meeting.

"I don't think this is the forum to discuss this," Kerrigan said, as he accepted a motion to end the meeting.

In the commotion following the meeting, several senators said they view the right to distribute flyers as a freedom of speech issue and said Hays should have announced the change earlier.

"That's bogus, waiting 'til the end of the meeting to announce it," Sophomore Sen. Charles Valgora said.

Executive Treasurer Cheryl Carter disagreed. "It's enforcing the rules," she said.

Earlier in the meeting, Hays spoke against a resolution to add polling places at two off-campus locations where UNO classes are taught: the Peter Kiewit Conference Center and Offutt Air Force Base.

Hays said the polling places were a good idea because they offered polling opportunities to students who might otherwise not vote, but that the idea came too late.

Election rules stipulate changes must occur six weeks prior to the election, he said.

"I sympathize with the off-campus people, but it's too little and too late."

Hays said he was not notified of the proposal and said parts of it were poorly thought out.

"What about all the other locations UNO has classes?" he said, mentioning several area high schools. "Would we offer polling places there too? It's too bad elections aren't held during the summer, we could even have one at Dam Site 11."

Hays said off-campus students can still vote by visiting the campus, or calling the Student Government office (554-2620) for an absentee ballot.

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COMMENT

Dodge Street: Omaha's favorite gutter

Dodge Street, aka, the gutter into Omaha.

Every oddball, loudmouth and motorhead, if they spend some quality time in this city, travel on Dodge. A stark realization, yes, but it comes to you late at night as you lay awake in bed, agitated, and the street exists, very alive and very loud, 15 feet below your bedroom window.

This broad slab of concrete is an avenue of hysteria, I tell myself: Hysteria that rises like bile from the gut of Council Bluffs. Bile that spews itself with glee below my bedroom window. Every night. Every weekend. Every midnight hour.

The noise is constant, consistent, clear, predictable. Sirens. Police sirens. Fire engine sirens. Always sirens. Wheels screeching. Trucks pounding. Music. Lots of stereos. Def. Leppard. Guns and Roses. Preponderance of bass.

Lying in bed, you hear all of this. You put pillows over your head to block out the sound. This doesn't work. The noise burrows in deeper. Who are all of these people and

what are they doing? Do they have a destination or is this their entertainment? This force is greater than you. You shut your window and swelter in New Orleans-like humidity. But sleeping comes easier.

Summer is colorful. Car loads of 16-year-old girls make catcalls at you. It's flattering at first but ultimately grating . . . as is sitting on the front porch, hoping for a breeze to alleviate the precipitation running down your forehead. Two cars drive by. Nothing. Two more — oops, yes, there it is, yelling. Was that supposed to insult me? Or turn me on? Perhaps that Chevy Nova should find a better vocabulary, or a life. Either would be useful.

Another car drives by. The driver stares at you. No honking or yelling, just a stare. What is this fixation with staring? Not a glance, mind you. A full, turn-of-the-head stare — very dangerous while driving. But people do it. A lot.

Three similar cars drive by, at the same speed. They must know each other. One yells, "You probably go to

the university!" Perhaps Bermuda shorts clued him off. The loudmouth must be intimidated by students. Guilty, you know. He never went.

Finally, a lull in traffic — a respite which enables those gathered on the porch to converse in normal tones. A few of the brave decide to cross Dodge to get to the other side. It's a Saturday night and a bad move on their part. They make it, but not without first being propositioned by a '79 Monte Carlo. It might have been worse. It could have been a '75 Monte Carlo. Verbal assaults from earlier models are more severe. Less intelligent, but more severe.

A car screeches to a halt at the nearest traffic light every five minutes. Every screech hangs in the air, endlessly, and conversation ceases, waiting for the crash. It never happens. Two hundred almost-hits are gnawing on my nerves and will need to be relieved one day.

Monday night is thick with humidity. Perfect for mosquitoes but bad for those who must sleep. And work. The day had been a scorcher, you see. A 12-foot wide square of pavement buckled at noon. It must be repaired before suburban commuters head downtown at 7 a.m.

The city deploys a two-man work force at midnight and a large, loud electric generator. A large, loud electric generator that ruins the sleep for those in a five-block radius.

There are rumors of a seasonal crime rate in this midtown area. It rises as the mercury dips. This horrifies area residents. Crime doers, as the rumor goes, can afford not to have air conditioning during the summer. But they must have heat in the winter, which costs money and which they do not have a lot of.

In the summer, drunkards have been known to wander into living rooms asking for an escort to their home. I've witnessed this. I wonder what these drunkards will ask for in the winter.

Petty crime rules for the time being. Petty crime for which I hope at least gives a little bit of happiness to the doer of the dirty deed. Somebody should benefit from it. It's not us. Bricks through car windshields have never made me laugh.

Fall should be a more tranquil time to live off of Dodge Street. Colder weather signals, thankfully, a shutting of windows for the season.

The first frost is eagerly anticipated.

—DAN SWiatek

MAILBAG

Reader argues biker bashing

To the editor:

I would like to comment on Stacey Meisenbach's "Opinion" in the Sept. 9, "Gateway." I'm a "biker," and I ride an American-made Harley-Davidson. I resent Miss Meisenbach's implying that "bikers" are a lower form of today's society.

I was talking to an officer who was on duty at this year's Septemberfest shortly after the problems there and he said that "bikers" were in no way, shape or form the cause of any problems that night or any other night, for that matter. The problems were caused by black youths. Period.

The few "bikers" I saw at Septemberfest weren't "lurking" behind ticket booths "intimidating" people. They were in plain view at the beer garden, mostly. (We "bikers" tend to like our beer.) Again, no problems there.

As for the comment in the second to last paragraph: "Unfortunately, even Harley people have a tendency to show up."

I would like to know what is wrong with owning a Harley, or a BMW or a Cadillac for that matter. At least Harley is American-made, and I'm not putting more of our workers out of a job by buying a motorcycle made in Japan. What is wrong with being a "Harley person?"

I was at a friend's wedding in August where the minister, who was in his 60s, rode up on a Harley-Davidson. I've got photos if you want proof. He was a "Harley person" and a man of the cloth! Do you think he "lurks" around ticket booths at fairs? I doubt it. I bet if you'd check who's buying & riding these "Harleys," you would find people of many races, backgrounds and occupations. Are "Harley people" any worse than "students" or "journalists?"

I'm currently the District 2 coordinator for ABATE of Iowa, Inc., a non-profit political organization that is nationwide. ABATE of Nebraska was very helpful in getting the seat belt law voted out. Remember that next time you get in a car.

We are against any law that infringes on our personal freedoms that includes choosing my own form of transportation. As the district's newsletter editor for over one-and-a-half years before becoming coordinator, I also believe in freedom of the press. I realize that Miss

Meisenbach's article was only an opinion and respect, but do not agree, with it.

Some of us "bikers" are not only decent citizens, but caring citizens also. Like the ones who raised \$6,000 this June for the Shriner's Transportation Fund for Burned & Crippled Children in one day.

They called themselves the "Omaha Area Bikers" and have raised over \$8,000 for that cause over the last two years. Pretty good for a bunch of "bikers," don't you think? Where was Miss Meisenbach when this was going on? Of course, nobody wants to report on these things. It might make us "bikers" actually look good.

I'd like to invite Miss Meisenbach to Memorial Park on Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. for ABATE of Nebraska's Ninth Annual Toys for Tots Run. Or come on down to Playland Park in C.B. on Oct. 22 at noon for ABATE of Iowa's 4th Annual Toys for Tots Run. Again, we probably won't get any good press there.

The only press we usually get is when we're "lurking" behind ticket booths or getting run over by cars! I myself am disabled as a result of a van running a yield sign over a year ago. And the press stated, I wasn't wearing a helmet — what a joke considering they never once stated that my left leg was where I sustained the injury!

I'm a high school graduate and have been to college for broadcasting and business. I'm a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a husband and a father. Not bad for a "biker." I plan on raising my daughter with an open mind, not judging a person by their mode of transportation and their appearance.

I don't condemn others by what they drive, and I'm getting real tired of people condemning "bikers" because they ride a Harley or any other motorcycle! You probably won't print this because it's a "biker's" opinion. That doesn't matter as long as you at least think about what I'm saying. Thanks for your time.

Stay Free!

Ron Price, member
ABATE of Nebr.

Editor's note: Meisenbach accepted Price's invitation. Her experiences are chronicled at the top of page 3.

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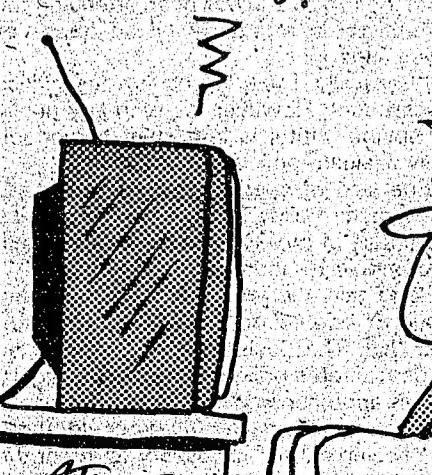
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OPINION

Cyclists, Calinger gather for charity drive

Mayor Walt and I seem to be travelling in the same social circles these days.

This frightening reoccurrence took place Saturday at a fundraiser held by ABATE of Nebraska, a biker's organization. My attendance was a result of a letter (page 2) written by Ron Price, an ABATE member, who read my Septemberfest column. He was offended by my reference to bikers "lurking behind ticket booths" remark.

So Ron, known as "AirHead" by his fellow bikers, wrote his letter inviting me to the fundraiser to witness first-hand what bikers are really like. Seems as though they are battling this image problem that transpired years ago. Ron credits the bad reputation to the "Hollywood image of bikers."

And people like me who have never had much to do with motorcycles, or care to, aren't helping matters much when we give them bad press.

So, in all fairness, I trekked up to Memorial Park at 11 a.m. just to see what it was all about. To say there were a lot of motorcycles and leather would be a gross understatement. Ron soon assured me the

leather had its purpose for protection against road rash sliding on the rear.

ABATE stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. The non-profit organization is nationwide, and each state is divided into districts. The biker's motto is "Let those who ride decide."

They stand against mandatory insurance for motorcyclists, seat belt laws, helmet laws and are in favor of freedom of the press. He had to throw that one in.

concerning the helmet law) and somewhere in there find time to drink a few beers.

The Omaha Area Bikers raised \$6,000 for burned and crippled children in a fundraiser held at Benson Park in June. Along with ABATE, the Americans Veterans Association, Rangers Motorcycle Club, and, yes, the Hell's Angels were involved.

You've all heard about the Hell's Angels before.

"We're the one percenters, man — the one percent that don't fit and don't care. We're royalty among motorcycle outlaws, baby."

— A Hell's Angel, taken from Hunter Thompson's "Hell's Angels"

The negative stereotype bikers have can be attributed not only to Hollywood, but also to the Hell's Angels. For most people, when they hear the term "biker," they think Hell's Angel, and scary images of deranged men come to mind. So what is the difference between regular bikers and Hell's Angels?

I asked one ABATE member, and he answered on the basis he not be identified.

"One percent of all bikers are outlaws. The Hell's Angels are the Hollywood stereotype that fits."

Seems as though it's not wise to criticize the Hell's Angels. OK, so how does one differentiate between a mean and nasty biker and a biker who does charity events and fundraisers?

Good question, and I suppose if one was really intent on finding out, he might just ask a biker. I can't guarantee what response you'll encounter, but the people I talked to Saturday were very willing to chat about the image problem they have and the helmet law they're fighting.

Being open minded and just talking to a biker will give you some insight as to what kind of person they are. As for a Hell's Angel — the logo they wear on their jackets is usually a dead give away.

So I'm glad Ron invited me Saturday to see for myself just what it is these bikers do. It was worth it just to see Mayor Walt moving amid the leather and Harleys with an aide following sheepishly behind.

Stacey Meisenbach
Gateway Columnist

On this particular day, they gathered to collect toys for needy children in cooperation with the Salvation Army.

"People don't hear about the good stuff we do," Ron said. "They have this image of us, and that's all there is. No one is interested in the good that we do."

ABATE has monthly meetings in which they make plans for future fund-raising events, discuss strategic plans (especially

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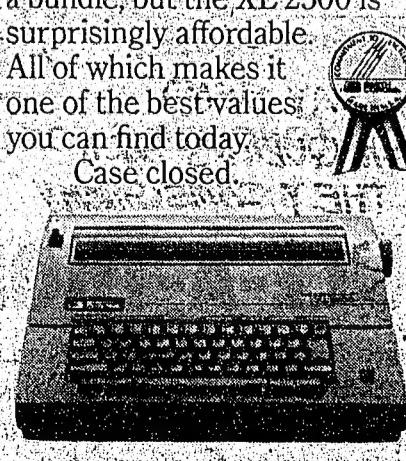
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Senate from page 1

He questioned the timing of the off-campus poll proposal. "All of a sudden I see this resolution pop up and I wonder why nobody asked me."

Some senators said the changes may have been suggested to benefit candidates with ties to the military, whose constituents attend classes at Kiewit and Offutt. One senator said a member of the Pen and Sword Society, a military veterans group, is considering running for president/regent.

In other action:

- The senate approved constitutions for four new student organizations: the UNO Prelaw Society, UNO maverettes, General Union of Palestine Students and UNO Dungeons Fantasy Wargamers Organization.
- The senate approved \$700 for the Martial Arts Club to travel to national competition in Kansas City, Mo., and

\$425 for the UNO Geological Society to attend seminars in Denver, Colo.

- The senate appointed three students to the Traffic Appeals Committee: Lori Heasler, Mary Beacom and Fred Hylkel III.

- Arts and Sciences Sen. Ron Krueger resigned to devote more time to other matters. Speaker Tim Kerrigan said Krueger may join Student Government's Election Commission, a switch that requires his resignation.

- The senate failed to adopt changes in the budget committee's guidelines that would prohibit campus groups from requesting funds more than once a semester. Many senators said the changes tied the committee's hands and were not needed.

- The senate declined to reconsider the previously approved budget for the Council on Community and Legislative Relations.



These are fans...

Jeff Becker, left, and Bonnie Crawford try and stay warm during UNO's homecoming game Oct. 1. The cold didn't help the Mavericks who lost 16-3. See sports on page 7.

— Dave Weaver

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Festival features southern author

UNO's Writer's Workshop will put literature in its place with the Third Annual Poetry and Fiction Writing Festival Oct. 6 to Oct. 8.

The festival, which is centered around the theme "Regionalism: Putting Literature in Its Place and Time," will feature award winning writer Ellen Gilchrist.

Described as a "natural teller of tales," Gilchrist has published three collections of her stories titled *In The Land of Dreamy Dreams*, *Drunk with Love* and *Victory over Japan*. The last work earned her the American Book Award for Fiction in 1984.

Other works include a series of her personal journal entries which were published under the title, *Falling Through Space*. These entries were originally a feature on the National Public Radio's morning edition of "All Things Considered."

Gilchrist's visit to UNO also comes only weeks after the release of her second novel, *The Anna Papers*. According to Richard Duggin, professor and head of UNO's Writer's Workshop, the author may give insights on her new novel.

The professor also said Gilchrist, who is originally from Mississippi, will discuss the technique of regionalism, which is using a certain area (such as the South) as the basis for a work on Oct. 7 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Dodge Room of the Student Center.

Other writers, including Nebraska State Poet William Kloefkorn, will join Gilchrist on how regionalism assists a writer with drawing in a universal audience when describing a certain place.

Gilchrist will also conduct a public reading of her works on Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. Tickets are \$3 for general admission

and \$2 for students.

The author will meet in person with students and conduct a reading of some of her material from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in Room 310 of Arts and Science Hall. The talk is part of the Workshop's "Contemporary Writer's In Print/In Person" series and is open to the public.



Space shuttle Discovery assists UNO Afghan agriculture studies

By JOHN ROOD
Editor

Members of the National Air and Space Administration (NASA) weren't the only researchers cheering the space shuttle Discovery's voyage into outer space. They had some help from the guys in Room 297 of the Durham Science Center.

John Shroder, and other researchers in the geography-

geology department, cheered the lift off Thursday from a television set in UNO's Remote Applications Sensing Laboratory. For them, America's return to space after almost three years means more than just forgetting one disaster; it brings the opportunity to help divert another one.

Six hours after take off, the crew of the Discovery deployed the \$100 million TDRSS communications satellite.

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Playhouse stages divine performance of 'Diviners'

Do yourself a favor, take a break from studying and check out the Omaha Community Playhouse Production of "The Diviners."

You probably won't be disappointed.

The talented cast of 11 well executes this intense story about an autistic boy, Buddy Layman, and his crippling fear of water.

Jeremy Golden, in his first appearance at the Playhouse, was startlingly convincing in the role of Buddy. His use of voice and body movements was consistent and believable.

Set in the mythical Indiana town of Zion during the 1930s dustbowl, we are first introduced to Buddy. With

is notably strong.

It's honorable that the cast made the most use out of a minimal stage set. The lighting assisted the actors in creating their scenes.

Director Susan Baer Beck, in her notes for this produc-

tion, said, "We were surprised to find it (the script) much more accessible than we thought. From our first reading we discovered that we knew the people of Zion very well indeed."

— LIZ WELLING

REVIEW

a divining rod in hand, he searches for water for farmer Basil Bennett, who wants to dig a well.

Playhouse veteran Michael Farrell does a fine job as Basil, who also serves as the narrator for the play.

The reason Buddy has such an uncanny ability to locate water is because he is so afraid of it.

This fear is rooted in a drowning incident that took his mother's life. Since that time, Buddy has never bathed. Throughout the play, he is dirty and scarred with ring-worm.

Enter the wandering preacher, C.C. Showers, who takes up a position at the Layman family auto garage (the church burned down long ago, which is just as well because Showers doesn't want to preach anymore). While there, he befriends Buddy and slowly introduces him to water.

Two-time Fonda-McGuire winner Bill Hutson plays C.C. Showers with charming elegance. It makes it all the more believable when the town ladies start pestering Showers to preach again.

Also notable is James Devney's portrayal of Buddy's gentle father, Ferris. Although Devney was in the background throughout the performance, his stable presence

Homecoming from page 1



—Dave Weaver

Rachel Rizzuto, left, and Joe Kerrigan moments after being crowned.

allotted for homecoming to sponsor Spirit Week.

Events included a performance by the band Homestead Grays on Monday and a "Win, Lose or Draw" competition (a game of charades based on the popular television gameshow) on Tuesday.

The rest of the week featured comedian Scott Burton on Wednesday, a "Lip Sync" contest Thursday and a pep rally Friday.

Judging for the Spirit Award was done secretly by faculty and administration members throughout the week.

Chi Omega's participation included sponsoring a homecoming candidate, supporting the candidate at any events and creating posters and banners supporting the football team.

"I have heard so many good comments on Spirit Week," Sehestedt said.

"The director of the student center, Guy Conway, came into the SPO office and said Vice Chancellor Rich Hoover was really impressed with the effect of our efforts," she said.

SPO plans to make the Spirit Award an annual event. Sehestedt said this year the fraternities and sororities were the most active groups, and that SPO hopes to have participation from all organizations next year.

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When Carla told me that my date was a little short, I thought she was talking dollars and cents, not feet and inches. So there I was at the door, in my spiked heels, staring at the top of my date's head.

All I could think was, how do I get myself out of this? I could imagine how my legs would ache if I had to walk around with my knees bent all evening.

So to stall for time, while figuring out how to fake malaria, I made us some Double Dutch Chocolate.

When I brought it into the living room, I discovered that Gary was a chocolate lover too. Ahh, a man after my own heart. Okay, I decided. I'd give him a chance. So we sat down and saw each other face-to-face for the first time. He had a nice smile.

After some small talk—I mean conversation—I discovered that we both love Updike, hate the winter weather, and both have miniature schnauzers. So, we made a date to introduce Shadow and Schatzi next week.

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SPORTS

Winning streak ends

Jackrabbits run away from UNO 16-3

By DAVID JAHR
Sports Editor

The UNO football team ran into a "Wahl" Saturday night at Al Caniglia Field, etching its first mark in the loss column by dropping a 16-3 homecoming decision to South Dakota State.

Jackrabbit quarterback Ted Wahl, twice named to the All-NCC second team, tiptoed and threw for 145 yards.

The Mavs' total offense couldn't equal Wahl's numbers, sputtering for 113 yards.

"He (Wahl) made the right plays when they needed them; he's a heads up player," Coach Sandy Buda said.

Turnovers by the Maverick offense on first downs didn't give UNO a chance to get momentum, Buda said.

"The three (turnovers) in the fourth were really disheartening."

A fumbled snap in the third quarter by UNO quarterback Todd Sadler began an onslaught of Maverick misques. SDSU's Kevin Tetzlaff fell on the loose ball, and seven plays later, Gus Theodosopoulos nailed a 34-yard field goal.

Early in the final quarter, Sadler hit Paul Anderson on his shoulder pads. The ball bounced off into the hands of SDSU linebacker Greg Farley. Five minutes later, Theodosopoulos was good again on a 20-yard, 3-pointer.

UNO's final gasp come-back was stopped after Sadler's long pass attempt to Bob Gordon was stolen by SDSU Tim Kwapnioski. This time, however Theodosopoulos was wide on a 30 yard attempt.

Sadler's third interception came late in the fourth, and SDSU only had to run out the time clock.

The Mavs' offense was of special concern for Buda, after gaining just 159 yards last week playing Mankato State.

"They are the same plays we used to win the last five of six games last year and the same ones to win our first four this year," Buda said. "All of a sudden we're in kind of a slump."

UNO's only score came after a 53 yard drive, 30 yards of which are attributed to a single scamper to mid-field by sophomore LaRon Henderson in the first half. John Bonacci finished off the drive with a 44-yard field goal.

Buda said that except for SDSU's opening scoring drive, his defense played solid. The Mavs gave just 16 points to a team who had the ball 18 more minutes than UNO.

"They really caught us by surprise and ran right at us," Buda said. The Mavs expected SDSU's air game.

The loss puts UNO now 2-1 and 4-1 on the season, in a four-way tie for second place in the North Central Conference.

Buda said SDSU shows the NCC's balance. All the teams are strong this year, he said, and SDSU, 2-3, is a team which has come out on the low end in recent tight games.

The UNO Mavericks head west Saturday to play Northern Colorado.

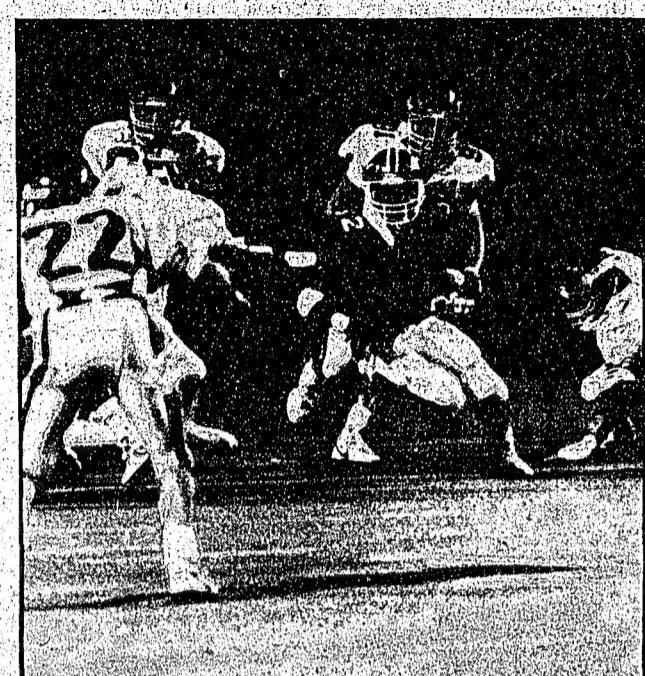
Junior Varsity

Friday afternoon, UNO's junior varsity team topped Iowa Central Community College 31-28, upping its record to 2-0.

The game was as close as the statistics were. UNO totaled 328 yards to IC's 304.

Trailing in the first half, the Mavs came out and took the lead in the third quarter due to a 69-yard scoring drive. The Mavs went ahead to stay when quarterback Paul Cech connected to Tom Kortus on a 28-yard TD pass.

UNO's JV's travel to Lincoln Oct. 21 to take on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's JV.



Dave Weaver

Sophomore LaRon Henderson (32) breaks a tackle and races for a 30 yard gain setting up a 44-yard John Bonacci field goal, Saturday night. The Mavs dropped their first game of the season 16-3 against South Dakota State University.

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TDRSS from page 5

The 5,000 pound TDRSS, which stands for Tracking Data Relay Satellite System, is a vital link to two other satellites UNO uses to gather agricultural data on Afghanistan.

Information gathered by the program will be used to analyze the condition of Afghan farmland, some of which has been devastated by the Afghan war against the Soviet Union, Shroder said.

"The main reason UNO has been funded for this project is that there is considerable worry in the international community about Afghanistan following the Soviet withdrawal," Shroder said.

When Soviet forces completely withdraw from the country, officials at the United States Agency for International Development (which funded the project) and United Nations fear widespread famine as Afghan refugees return from Pakistan. Some were forced to abandon the land in the mid 1970s.

"The worry is that there will be great starvation in Afghanistan . . . we have to determine what level of agriculture still survives," Shroder said.

To do that, UNO depends on millions of pieces of computer information on Afghanistan gathered from two Landsat satellites. Because of a vast amount of data, the Landsat satellites have to relay the information to an old TDRSS satellite before it is sent to ground level where it is re-assembled for use at UNO.

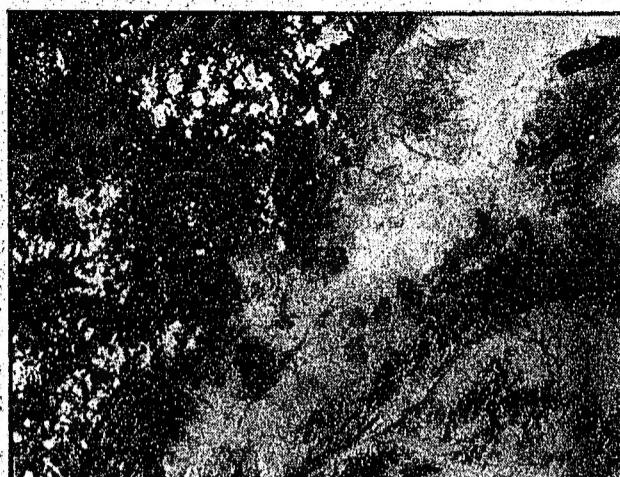
In recent years, the old TDRSS satellite's orbit has been failing, causing large amounts of data to be destroyed.

Thus far, Shroder has been forced to rely on information from a French satellite and the old TDRSS system.

"I got half of what I ordered from TDRSS last time," he said.

NASA officials attempted to correct the problem in 1986 by deploying a new satellite, but when the Challenger burst into flames Jan. 28, so did the second TDRSS.

The new TDRSS, orbiting 22,300 miles above the equator, will allow accurately gathered information on Afghanistan to be sent to earth, relayed to UNO and then reconstructed into three dimensional "Pixar" images. The images, developed by Apple Computer founder Steve



The TDRSS satellite relays computer information to earth that is used to create these images of Afghan agricultural land.

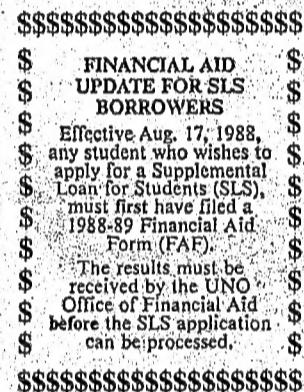
Jobs and a team that worked on George Lucas' "Star Wars" films, describe soil types, pollution sources, water availability and other information about the country.

So far, study has been limited to portions of the two major regions of Afghan farmland, one south of Kabul, the other to the east. Early findings indicate particular damage to one farming region because of the war, Shroder said.

USAID officials have been pleased with the project so far, Shroder said. There is a possibility that USAID or the United Nations may fund a project using the satellite technology to map the entire area, he added.

"They're talking about expanding the pilot project," he said.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber and Thomas Gouttiere, dean of International Studies and Programs, departed Friday to visit UNO programs in Pakistan and to meet with leaders from neighboring Afghanistan. Shroder said he expects the TDRSS's deployment and UNO pilot project to be discussed.



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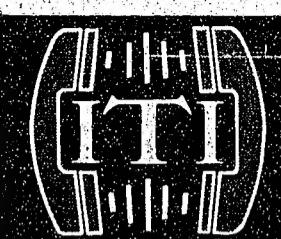
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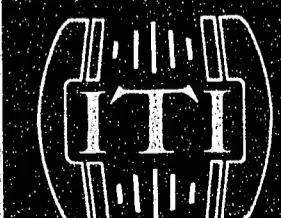
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